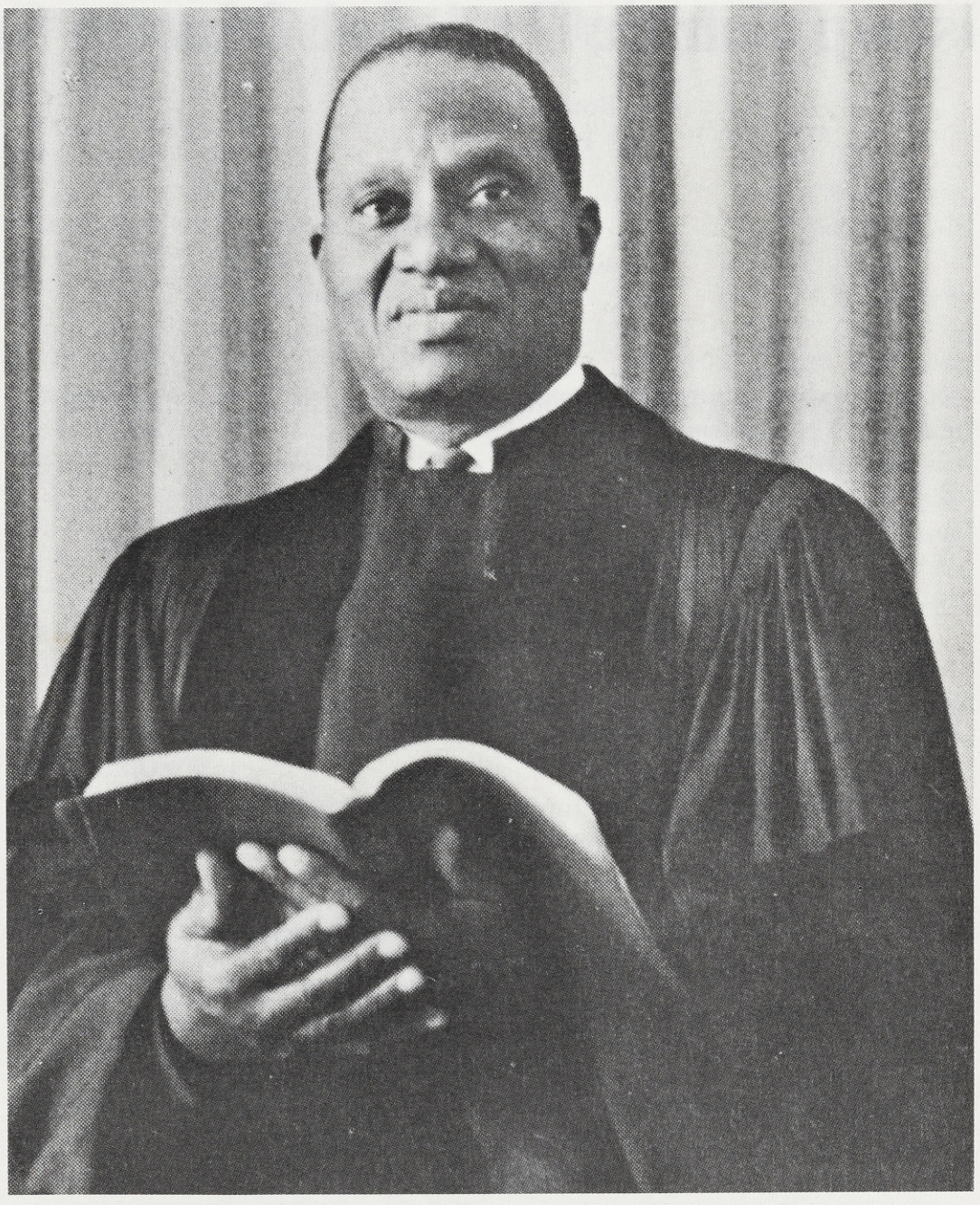
Bishop Sennie Rudolph Martin Sr.



Favorite Scripture:

"Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90: 11 & 12

In Loving Memory Of

Bishop Sennie Rudolph Martin Sr.

Born: April 4, 1912
Palestine, Texas

Departed:
January 13, 1980
Carmel, California

Services Held

MEMORIAL SERVICES: Thursday, January 17, 1980 - 7:30 P.M.

At The

Ephesian Church of God in Christ — 1709 Alcatraz Avenue
Berkeley, California
Bishop E.E. Cleveland, Pastor

Officiating

Elder C. L. Moody, International Home & Foreign Mission President

FINAL SERVICES: Saturday, January 19, 1980 — 11:00 A.M.

At The

St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church
1475 La Salle Street
Seaside, California

Officiating

National & International Presiding Bishop, J.O. Patterson

Interment

Mission Memorial Park Cemetery — Seaside, California

Pallbearers

HONORARY: Section Superintendents
ACTIVE: District Superintendents — State Pastors

Order of Services

For

Bishop Sennie Rudolph Martin Sr.

ORGAN PRELUDE .....

PROCESSIONAL .....

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ..... Elder W.W. Hamilton

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: ..... Supt. C. Davis
Psa. 90: 1-12
New Testament: ..... Supt. W. Peterson
1st. Cor. 15: 22-26

INVOCATION: ..... Supt. A. Madden

SELECTION: ..... Victory Temple Church of God In Christ mass Choirs

EXPRESSIONS: ..... Victory Temple Church (3 min. each)
Pastor Pro-Tem ..... Elder D. Franklin
Chairman of Deacon Board: ..... Bro. C. Freeman
President of Women's Department: ..... Dist. Supvr. K. Freeman
Church Resolution: ..... Sister Frankie Green
Church Secretary

EXPRESSIONS: No. West State Representatives:
Sectional Superintendents: ..... Supt. Virgil Robinson
Women's Department: ..... Missionary Louise Perrodin

STATE RESOLUTION: ..... Elder A. Walker

SELECTION: ..... Sister A. Richmond

EXPRESSIONS: 3 Min. each ..... Governmental & Ecclesiatical

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS, TELEGRAMS ..... Sister B. Cannon

OBITUARY: ..... Sister R. Saffold

SELECTION: ..... Victory Temple Choir

NATIONAL ECCLESIASTICAL CEREMONY: .... Presented by: Bishop L.H. Ford.
2nd Asst. Pres. Bishop (Member of General Board)

EXPRESSIONS: ..... Jurisdictional Bishops
Valley Central State: ..... Bishop W.S. Wilson
No. Cal. 1st Jur. ..... Bishop B.R. Stewart

EXPRESSIONS: ..... National Officers
State and International Supervisor of Women: ..... Dr. M. McGlothen
Member of General Board)

RESOLUTION OF GENERAL CHURCH: ..... General Secretary: Bishop G.R. Ross

SELECTION: ..... District Missionary Ruth Langston

EULOGY: ..... Bishop J.O. Patterson (Presiding Bishop, Churches of God in Christ)

VIEWING OF REMAINS: ..... Saints Christian Funeral Chapel in charge.

RECESSIONAL: .....

INTERMENT: ..... Mission Memorial Cemetery: Seaside, California

Memorial Services

For

Bishop Sennie Rudolph Martin Sr.

ORGAN PRELUDE .....

PROCESSIONAL .....

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ..... Elder Wilbur W. Hamilton

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament - Psalm 39: 1-7 ..... Rev. Joe Noble

New Testament: 1st Cor. 15: 51-58 ..... Supt. F.W. Cotton

INVOCATION: ..... Bishop M. Mathis

SELECTION: ..... No. West California State Choir: State Min. of Music, Bro. A. Thomas

EXPRESSIONS: 3 Min. .....

Victory Temple Church Of God In Christ Representative ..... Elder D. Franklin

EXPRESSIONS: ..... 3 Min. Each — Northwest State Representatives

Sectional Superintendents: ..... Supt. Virgil Robinson

District Superintendents: ..... Supt. Jessie Dickens

State Auxilliaries (Sunday School) ..... Supt. J. Macklin

State Pastors ..... Elder A. Swindell

State Cabinet ..... Elder Carl Howard

Resolution: State Exec. Secretary ..... Elder A. Walker

State Supervisor (Women's Department) ..... Dr. M. McGlothen

Selection: ..... State Choir

Expressions: ..... Governmental and Ecclesiastical 3 Min. Each

EXPRESSIONS: 3 Min. Each .....

Jurisdictional Representatives

Northern California 1st Jurisdiction: ..... Bishop B.R. Stewart

State Supervisor: ..... Mother E.M. Devers

North Centeral: ..... Bishop German R. Ross

State Supervisor: ..... Mother Pearl Wilburn

So. Calif. 2nd. Jurisdiction: ..... Bishop E.E. Cleveland

Valley Central State:

State Bishop: ..... Bishop W.S. Wilson

State Supervisor: ..... Mother A. Woods

SOLO: (Move On Up A Little Higher) ..... Elder R.A. Daniels

MESSAGE: ..... International President, Elder C. Moody — Home and Foreign Missions

VIEWING OF REMAINS: ..... Saints Christian Funeral Chapel in charge

Obituary

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Clay Martin was born April 4, 1912 in a small rural community near the town of Palestine, Texas, and was christened "Sennie Rudolph".

When but a lad of 9 years he moved with his family to Fort Worth, Texas where he attended public school.

Opportunity for higher education for a boy born into a family of six children was almost nil; thus, his formal training was soon ended. In a miraculous manner this young man when but 17 years of age was drawn to Christ and sealed with the Holy Ghost in 1930 at the Love Chapel Church Of God In Christ. There he served as a deacon until 1937 when he received the call to the ministry and was licensed by his pastor and future father-in-law, the late Bishop Eugene E. Hamilton, to preach the gospel.

He was married to Mrs. Primrose O. Fields, May 17, 1934 in his home church, with the late Bishop E.M. Page, presiding Bishop of the State of Texas officiating.

In 1937, Brother Rudolph, as he was called, was urged by the spirit to take his wife and two sons and go to Wyoming and the Northwest. His ministry was unique and he succeeded in establishing churches in Globe, Arizona, and Billings, Montana.

To enhance his education, it was necessary that the now working minister Martin should pursue a course offered through correspondence by the Walter J. Felly Bible Institute in Billings, Montana where he received a certificate of completion as the result; and in 1956 he received an Honoary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Trinity Hall College and Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

In 1938, Bishop Samuel M. Crouch, presiding Bishop of the State of California, Ordained Elder S. Rudolph Martin to the Ministry of Jesus Christ, while he was pastor of the church he founded in Billings, Montana.

Shortly after moving to San Francisco, California with his family early in 1943, Elder Martin heard a voice saying "go to Monterey". This he did and on September 5, 1943 held his first services in a temporary building dedicated to the services of God.

In 1944, the first permanent structure was erected by Elder Martin, in 1950 marked the dedication of a new structure on adjacent property purchased by the church; more recently, a greater and improved structure was dedicated to the Glory of God. A building program for the Greater Victory Temple Church is now in effect in Seaside, California. S. Rudolph Park was so named in appreciation of the many services to the City of Seaside during his 36 years of residence in that City.

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(OBITUARY CONTINUED)

By the time Elder Martin had completed his first church edifice, he had also completed his first year as District Superintendent of the newly formed Monterey District, which has been labeled the "Outstanding District of Northern California.

He was appointed Superintendent by the late Bishop S.M. Crouch, during the 25 years in which Elder Martin was engaged as District Superintendent.

He also filled the position of State President of Home and Foreign Missions; both with the leadership of the late Bishop E.B. Stewart of Northern California and the late Bishop Eugene E. Hamilton of California Northwest Jurisdictions. It can be stated that he was an active participant in all matters pertaining to the Church of God in Christ, locally, Statewide, and Nationally.

In 1969 the late Bishop S.M. Crouch, "father of Missions" recommended that his successor should be Elder S. Rudolph Martin, administrative assistant to the late Bishop Eugene Hamilton at that time: thus the appointment was made and he was consecrated Bishop S. Rudolph Martin, President of the Home and Foreign Mission Department, international, by the Honorable Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop J.O. Patterson.

In 1973 Bishop S.R. Martin became the presiding Bishop of the State of California, Northwest Jurisdiction. He served faithfully, putting in long hours traveling over the work that was assigned to him.

After a long grave illness, Bishop Sennie Rudolph Martin departed this life on January 13, 1980 in Carmel, California in a local hospital.

Leaving to celebrate his home-coming, a loving devoted wife, Mrs. Primrose O. Martin of Seaside, California, two sons, Dr. S. Rudolph Martin Jr. of Olympia, Washington, and Juris Dr. Daniel C. Martin of Pleasanton, California, two foster children, James and Elizabeth Caison, both of Seaside, California, three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Mae Pitts of Sacramento, California, Mrs. Rosie Kelly, and Mrs. Mary Franklin both of Seaside, California, four grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

His works will live for ages to come, though he appears to be dead, yet does he live through his deeds and in the hearts of men and women.

"Live on, mighty man of God, Live on".

DEDICATED TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY AND ALL OF US WHO SERVED, WORKED AND LOVED THIS GREAT MAN OF GOD. May we say "Good night; we will see you in the morning".

JOY IN DEATH

I said one day, I didn't know how;
I could stand to lose my loved ones so dear;
I had a fear, that I wouldn't understand,
Yet, I believed the Lord would be near.

Who do we dread the stain of death?
Why does our hearts fear the alarm?
For death is always a stranger,
Regardless to when it comes.

If we could think of the brighter side;
We would have no need to fear;
For there is a home prepared for those;
Who trusted in his care.

Think of death as a vacation;
Where joy will never end;
Away from the sins of this world,
Away from wicked men.

Death comes as a deliverer;
It frees us from all pains;
We enter a world of peace and love;
Where every day is the same.

Surely he calls our loved ones,
To a place of heavenly rest;
It is hard for us to understand;
He always knows what is best.

If we are prepared to meet him;
If we are redeemed and washed in his love;
Then we can be patiently waiting,
For our heavenly home above.

We all will leave this world some day;
Whether we are rich or poor,
We must meet the eternal God;
To never return no more.

Can't you vision the beautiful home,
The Lord has prepared for his own;
There we will evermore rejoice,
When we gather around the throne.

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